

IMPROVING THE STOCK.

The great Rhinoceros, belonging to the travelling caravan of animals, recently nullified, and withdrew from the union. He was at the last accounts wandering about in the low grounds of Ohio, making merry with the good things of the West, a plenty of water and a profusion of green corn—what more could he desire—his horn is exalted, but if he does not give up before winter, he will stand a chance of tasting a climate such as he did not find in the South of Asia, a season not to be spent in mud-puddles and fields. There is such a thing as having too much liberty.

No less than *thirteen* of the fifty-six Signers of the Declaration of American Independence reached the age of 80 years and upwards, viz:

Charles Carroll of Maryland,	95
Wm. Ellery of Rhode Island,	93
John Adams, of Massachusetts,	91
Samuel Adams, do.	81
Robert Treat Paine, do.	83
Benjamin Franklin, do.	84
Wm. Williams, of Connecticut,	81
Wm. Floyd, of Long Island,	87
Thomas M'Kean, of Pennsylvania,	83
Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia,	83
George Wythe, do.	80
Matthew Thornton, of Ireland,	89
Francis Lewis, of South Wales,	90

Total, 1120
Being an average of 86 years and 2 months each, and the aggregate excess of the time-honored thirteen over fourscore, is just 80 years. No deliberative assembly, of equal magnitude, was ever more remarkable for the virtue, temperance and longevity of its members, than the one which declared the American colonies free and independent.

TABLE

Exhibiting the amount of Tolls collected since October 31, 1836, up to the 29th of July, 1837.

(WEEKLY REPORT.)

CANAL TOLLS.

Easton,	\$2,086 43
New Hope,	179 60
Bristol,	343 42
Columbia,	900 00
Portsmouth,	418 18
Harrisburg,	249 62
Newport,	64 58
Lewistown,	142 00
Huntingdon,	194 36
Hollidaysburg,	1,323 49
Johnstown,	773 03
Blairsville,	66 56
Leechburg,	
Alleghentown,	819 70
Beaver,	33 81
Liverpool,	50 67
Northumberland,	342 26
Duaneburg,	139 03
Berwick,	166 17
Columbia out-let locks,	6 12 1/2
Portsmouth, do.	2 59
Do. Bridge Swatara,	6 80
Aqueduct at Duncan's Island,	0 73
Do. Kiskiminetas,	
Do. Pittsburg, (2 weeks)	53 00
Amount per week ending July 29, 1837,	8,372 95 1/2
Amount as per last report,	305,372 91
Whole amount of Canal Tolls, 313,735 87	

Railway and Motive Power Tolls.

	<i>railway.</i>	<i>motive power</i>
Philadelphia,	1,891 19	776 82
Paoli,	44 51	14 04
Downingtown,	90 39	65 67
Lancaster,	730 53	645 37
Columbia,	2,100 00	1,000 00
Hollidaysburg,	651 52	877 02
Johnstown,	424 74	540 32
Schuylkill Viaduct,		
Am't. per week ending July 29, 1837,	5,932 88	4,610 22
Am't. as per last report,	181,805 39	133,723 63
	187,538 27	138,342 84
Whole am't. of railway tolls,	\$187,538 27	
Motive Power,	138,342 85	
Canal,	313,735 87	
Am't. of Canal and Railway,	\$639,616 99	

Specie.—The New York Express of Wednesday says:

"By the packets which sailed yesterday for Europe, there was carried out more than double quantity of specie that has left any previous packet day. The amount exceeds one million. From inquiries made, the different ships took out as follows:

Ontario, for London,	\$495,000
Orpheus, for Liverpool,	402,000
Baltimore, for Havre,	183,000
Shakespeare, for Liverpool,	65,000

Total, \$1,145,000

This sum, with what had been previously shipped, makes the amount a little rising \$5,000,000 since the suspension.

Victor Cousin, in his report of the Prussian School system, says that there does not exist a single human being in Prussia who does not receive an education suited to his avocation in life. In 1831, that country, with a population of 12,796,832, had 2,043,040 children in 22,740 public schools, the number of teachers employed being 27,740.—*Balt. Amer.*

NOVEL TRIAL.—SALE OF A WIFE.

The Annapolis Gazette of Thursday contains the report of a trial which took place before a Justice of the Peace, of that city, last week, in which the plaintiff brought his action for five dollars, which he claimed to be due him as the purchase money for his wife, whom he had sold to the defendant.

"It appeared from disclosures made on the trial, that some time last week, the plaintiff, Richard Kirby, sold his wife to the defendant, George Dunn, for five dollars. Nobody professed to know the motive that influenced Kirby to make the sale; it may have been the love of money, or the want of money, or it may have been solely to relieve himself from the burthens of matrimony; but certain it is that he did sell his wife for the before mentioned sum, and that too without so much stipulating at the time, that it should be paid in gold or silver, and not depreciated bank paper. Scarcely, however, was the bargain concluded, before Dunn, who is a married man, repented of having made it, and began to hum the old song, which runs—

"Sic a wife as Willie had,
I wad na gie a button for her."

But it was too late, there was no backing out; he had consented to take her, and the husband had determined that he should have her. The plaintiff proffered Dunn a bill of sale, and demanded the money, which Dunn refused to plank up, alleging as the reason, that he was in *jest* when he agreed to buy.—This excuse was not admitted by the husband, who, discovering that *Dunn* was not to be *dunned* out of the cash, resolved on a resort to the law, which in some cases may be found more efficacious than the arguments of individuals, no matter how eloquent or persuasive the latter may be. His Honor, the Justice, pronounced judgment against *Kirby*, who was thus *curbed* in his attempt to saddle another man with his wife, and doomed to bear his burthen, however grievous he may find it.—He was somewhat disconcerted by the decision, and immediately went his way, it may be, in quest of another purchaser. With Mr. *Dunn*, it was quite different; his countenance brightened, and it was so evident, that he was inwardly congratulating himself that he was not *done* over, that the impression of the spectators is, that he will hereafter be cautious how he *jests* about serious matter.

The woman is said to be young and pretty.

When a young chap steals a kiss from an Alabama girl, she says, 'I reckon it's any time now,' and gives him a box on the ear that he don't forget in a week.—*Irwinton Herald.*

When a clever fellow steals a kiss from a Louisiana girl, she smiles, blushes deeply, and says—nothing. We think our girls have more taste and sense than those of down east Alabama. When a man is smart enough to steal the divide luxury from them, they are perfectly satisfied.—*Picayune.*

When a female is here saluted with a buss, she puts on her bonnet and shawl, and answereth thus—'I am astonished at thy assurance, Jedediah—for this indignity I will sew thee up.'

The ladies in this village, receive a salute with Christian meekness. They follow the scripture rule—when smitten on the one cheek they turn the other also.—*Bungtown Chron.*

As for the New York girls, they go on the regular spoils of victory principle. A man must fight for a kiss as if for dear life—head dress, sleeves, &c. not taken into account. But if he takes the citadel, he can then enjoy the spoil to his heart's content—because the girls never give up until all their strength is gone.—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

Our girls are very singular, in the way of kissing; that is a matter of importance—and, of course, receives due consideration. We would not give a straw for a kiss without a battle for it: 'stolen fruit is always sweetest.' But how to effect an arrangement for the fight is always hard here.—'They look so retiring—so modest—so unconscious of the existence of any thing beyond a look—that you fear to grapple. Try it, though. You will find them strong and able to keep you at bay. They reward a man for his labor, and give up, when he is tired.—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

England.—THE QUEEN VICTORIA.—The accession of a young, lovely, and intelligent woman to the throne of England, will probably secure the government from the throes and commotions which might otherwise have happened. The chivalrous enthusiasm of the people at large will be aroused to stand by, and protect and uphold the young queen, and she will find in the generous feelings of the people a stronger safe-guard than in all the political principles that ever existed in either, or both, of the contending parties of England.

Through inadvertence, a gentleman at a ball not long since, led off the dance out of his turn. The person appointed to this post of honor challenged the intruder next morning, and received for his trouble the following laconic reply:—"Sir, I cannot understand why, because I opened a ball last night, a ball should open me this morning. I am, &c."

The whole number of steamboats built on the western waters, according to Halls Statistics of the West, amounts to five hundred and eighty-eight.

The Canadians are loud in their opposition to the Whig Ministry of England, and more especially Lord John Russell, who they charge with having dishonored his name. M. Papineau seems to be the observed of all observers, and is escorted by cavalades of horsemen wherever he moves. If there be any thing in indications of popular sentiment, the time is not far distant when the British crown will be forced to abandon its Canadian possessions or assert its rights by force of arms. Late events look so much like revolution, or rebellion, that nothing short of the argument of Kings will be able to solve the difficulty.
Baltimore American.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.—One hundred and thirty miles of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal are completed, comprising the distance from Washington city to Hancock, in Maryland. In 50 or 60 miles more the canal will reach the valuable iron and coal mines in Cumberland, Md.

Printer's Toast.—The following toast was given at Piqua, Ohio, by a Printer: By George B. Frye.—The Printers of the Union. May they escape the dangers of the *pressure*—and when *chased* by the Constable or Sheriff, to be *locked up*, find plenty of *quoin* in the *Bank* to redeem their *paper*.

Counterfeits.—We understand there are counterfeit certificates of Loan No. 11, on the Corporation of Spring Garden, Philadelphia, of the denomination of fifty cents and two dollars; the signatures of H. C. Cerbit, on the former, and of L. Shuster on the latter, are miserably executed, and may readily lead to their detection.—*Phil. Gazette.*

Professor Rogers, in his Geological Report, gives the following statement of the astonishing arrangement of strata in Hampshire county, Virginia.

"Upon a rich stratum of iron ore, not less than 15 feet thick, rests a bed of sandstone, upon which reposes a coal seam 3 feet thick; another bed of sandstone,—then a 2 feet vein of coal, next sandstone, and then another coal seam of 4 feet; again a stratum of sandstone, and over it a 2 feet vein of coal, over this a heavy bed of iron ore, and crowning the series, an enormous coal seam of from 15 to 20 feet in thickness."

The thunder storm on the night of July 4th, in Crawford co. Pa., raised French Creek to such a height as to sweep away \$100,000 worth of property.

The Albany Journal says that the Florida war has cost the United States a thousand lives, and a million of dollars. Melancholy to relate, the Indians are no more conquered now, than they were at the commencement of the campaign.

OBITUARY.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

DIED.—On Wednesday morning last, of dysentery, MARTIN VAN BUREN, an interesting and only son of Mr. John Long, of Cattawissa township, aged about 4 years.

Great Shooting Match.

MARKSMEN ATTEND!

THE following Articles will be shot for at the public house of S. Brolet, in Cattawissa, on **FRIDAY NEXT,** the 18th of August inst., to wit:

- One Fat Steer, weighing 800 lbs. \$60 00
- Three Eight-day Clocks, at \$20, 60 00
- One Thirty-hour Clock, 15 00
- Three good Watches, 48 00

The price of Targets will be One Dollar each.—Marksmen will be restricted to 100 yards when shooting at a rest; and 60 yards, when shooting off-hand. Marksmen, and others, from the neighbouring counties, are invited to attend.
JOHN NELSON.
Cattawissa, August 9, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Freeman of Columbia county.

FELLOW-CITIZEN: At the request of many personal friends, I solicit your votes at the approaching election for the

Office of Sheriff.

Should a majority of your suffrages elevate me to the station I pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office with correctness and impartiality. In asking your support, the subscriber is prompted by a desire to promote the public good; and he hopes that his large family, his poverty, and his inability to support himself by labor, may obtain him the votes of those who can feel for the wants of an honest and qualified neighbour.
ISAAC C. JOHNSON.
Orangeville, July 29, 1837.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Overseers of the Poor

OF the Townships of Derry, Liberty and Mahoning, and those of all other Townships in Columbia county, as also of the county of Northumberland, favourable to the erection of

A POOR HOUSE,

are hereby requested to meet in DANVILLE, on the 21st day of August next, (being Monday of court,) to devise such preparatory measures as may be necessary for that purpose.

I. R. McCAY,
RUDOLPH BECHLER,
Overseers of Mahoning township.
July 29, 1837.

TO THE ELECTORS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: At the request of my friends I offer myself as a candidate for the

Office of Sheriff,

at the ensuing general election, and solicit your votes and interest. Should I be elected I shall endeavor to merit the favour, by a correct and faithful fulfillment of the duties of the office.

WILLIAM RICHART.

Madison, July 29, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: At the solicitation of a great number of my friends and well-wishers, I again offer myself as a candidate for the

Office of Sheriff

of the county of Columbia, at the next general election. If you would be so good as to give me your votes, there shall lack nothing on my part to do my duty with accuracy and fidelity.

WILLIAM KITCHEN.

Danville, June 24, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Electors of Columbia county.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: At the solicitation of many friends throughout the county, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of

SHERIFF,

at the next General election, and would feel grateful for your support.

JOHN FRUIT.

Madison, June 3, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Electors of Columbia county:

FELLOW CITIZENS: At the urgent solicitations of numerous friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of

SHERIFF.

Should I be so fortunate as to receive a majority of votes, and procure my commission, I pledge myself to execute the duties of the office with fidelity and impartiality.

ELIAS McHENRY.

May 13, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Electors of Columbia county:

FELLOW CITIZENS: At the solicitation of a number of my friends I have been encouraged to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of

SHERIFF,

at the ensuing General Election. If I should be so fortunate as to obtain a majority of your suffrages, I pledge myself, so far as my abilities will admit, to perform the duties of the office with integrity and humanity.

PETER KLINE.

Roaring Creek, May 20, 1837.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE of sundry writs of *Venditioni Exponas* to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the court-house, in Danville, on Monday the 21st of August next, at ten o'clock, A. M., (being the first day of the court,) the following Real Property, to wit:

A certain Tract of Land,

Situate in Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia county, in the possession of Philip Stetler, containing Fifty acres, more or less, whereon is erected one

SAW-MILL,

A LOG HOUSE,

AND A

LOG BARN,

Adjoining lands late of Daniel Stetler, Matthias Shipman, Peter Laubauch, Bernard Stetler and Zeboath White. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Charles Stetler, at the suit of David Petrikin.

ALSO: A certain Lot of Ground, situate in Liberty township, Columbia county, containing Seventy acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Robert Simonton, Joseph Kerr, & Joseph Robinson, in the possession of James Thomas, sen'r. whereon is erected one Log

HOUSE & BARN,

AND

A STABLE

About Thirty acres are cleared, and on the premises is an Apple Orchard. Seized, taken in execution, & to be sold as the property of *Stannell Thomas, jr.*

ALSO: All the right, title, interest and claim that defendant has in a certain Lot of Land, situate in Mahoning township; containing fifty acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Abraham Strain, Abraham Mensch and John Poust; whereon is erected

A LOG HOUSE,

AND

A LOG BARN.

About Forty acres is cleared land, with an Apple Orchard. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of *George Wertman.*

ALSO:

BY ADJOURNMENT,

A certain Tract of Land, situate in Roaring creek township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of J. Cooper, Wm. G. Hurly, A. Starks, Leonard Rupp, George Stine, and others, containing seventy-seven acres, whereon is erected a

Log House

AND A

LOG BARN

About forty-six acres are cleared. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of *Jacob Roup.*

BY

ISAIAH SALMON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Danville, July 29, 1837.

STONE-COAL.

Of a superior quality, just received and for sale by the subscriber,
C. D. FISHER.
Bloomsburg, July 22, 1837.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. ELLIS LEWIS, President Judge of the courts of Oyer & Terminer and General Jail Delivery, court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and of Common Pleas, and Orphan's Court in the eighth Judicial district, composed of the counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Lycoming, and the Hon. William Montgomery and Leonard Rupert, Esquires, associate Judges in Columbia county, have issued their precept bearing date the 23d day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and to me directed, for holding the several Courts of

Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas, and Orphan's Court,

IN DANVILLE, in the county of Columbia, on the third Monday of August next (being the 21st day) and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given, to the Coroner, the justice of the peace and Constables of the said county of Columbia, that they be then and there in their proper persons at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, & other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by recognizances, to prosecute against the prisoners that are or may be in the jail of said county of Columbia, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendances, agreeably to their notices.

ISAIAH SALMON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Danville, July 15, 1837.

TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that we have applied to the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this commonwealth, and the said court have appointed

Monday the 21st day of August next,

To hear us and our creditors at the court house in Danville, at which place you may attend if you think proper.

CASPER HAWK,

JOHN LUNGER,

AB'M. SHOEMAKER.

July 29, 1837.

WANTED.

AN APPRENTICE to the Blacksmithing business. A Boy between 16 and 18 years of age, of good character and steady habits, will find a situation by applying to the subscriber, at his residence near Epsytown.

JOHN HAZLET, Jr.

July 8, 1837.

WANTED:

Corn, Rye, Oats & Potatoes, FOR which CASH will be paid on delivery.—Enquire at the Buckhorn.

W. T. WALTERS.

July 8, 1837.

JOHN S. INGRAM, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

TENDERS his professional services to the citizens of Columbia county. He will feel grateful for business entrusted to his care. Office in the same building with the 'Columbia Democrat.'

Bloomsburg, May, 1837.

NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

On the first of July, 1837, will be published, beautifully printed, on good paper, and stitched in a wrapper, extra large royal octavo, the first number of a new Periodical Work, entitled

The Gentleman's Magazine.

THE announcement of a new periodical in the present state of affairs, may create some feeling of surprise; but having contemplated an alteration in the nature of a very popular monthly publication, 'Every Body's Album,' the proprietors deem it best to proceed in the perfected arrangements, and produce a periodical embodying the most wholesome points of the old work, but conducted with sufficient energy and talent to ensure the success of their new arrangements. The respectable and extensive subscription list of the Album, to which this work is designed as a successor, will at once place THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE in a circulation equal to that of any other monthly work in the United States, and